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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN KAYA, ADMINSEC ENTENTE FUND
AND AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

1. PAUL KAYA, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF THE ENTENTE
FUND, PAID A COURTESY CALL ON AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SCHAUFELLE APRIL 25. IN BRIEF SESSION THE FOLLOWING
SUBJECTS WERE TOUCHED ON.

A. BENIN. KAYA SAID THE BENINESE ECONOMY PROGRESSES
REASONABLY WELL. BENIN'S PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS WITH ITS
NEIGHBORS IS THE RESULT OF GUINEAN URGING TO TAKE A HARD
LINE.

B. THE ENTENTE FUND. PROJECTS WERE PROCEEDING SATIS-
FACTORILY THANKS IN PART TO THE UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE
AND THE ASSISTANCE OF THE US. FRENCH AID WAS ALSO SIG-
NIFICANT AND CANADIAN WAS IN PROSPECT.

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C. NIGER. THE ADVENT OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAD
MADE LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN OUTLOOK OR POLICY.

D. UPPER VOLTA. UPPER VOLTA WAS EXPERIENCING SOME
UNCERTAINTY AS IT MOVED TOWARD A NEW CONSTITUTION AND

PERHAPS CIVILIAN RULE.

E. ECOWAS. THE SECRETARIAT IN LAGOS IS BEING ORGANIZED. THANKS TO THE FACT THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IS IVORIAN, PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY SUPPORTS THE CONCEPT. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEELE AND KAYA AGREED ON THE UTILITY OF ECOWAS AS A MEANS TO PULL ANGLOPHONE AND FRANCOPHONE WEST AFRICA TOGETHER.

F. CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE. KAYA SAID HE HAD KNOWN THE NEW PRESIDENT YHOMBI-OPANGO IN 1963-64 IN BRAZZAVILLE. HE CHARACTERIZED HIM AS THEN BEING BOTH LIBERAL AND PRAGMATIC, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE HAD CHANGED IN THE INTERVAL.

2. IN CLOSING SCHAUFEELE ASSURED KAYA OF US SUPPORT FOR THE ENTENTE FUND. KAYA EXPRESSED A HIGH OPINION OF US AMBASSADORS AND EMBASSIES IN THE ENTENTE COUNTRIES AND NOTED HIS OWN EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH EACH.

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